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Graduate Student Resources
On the Web!

Welcome

Welcome to the **Graduate Student Resource Page**! This page was designed as a resource for current and future grad students. If you're thinking about applying to, attending, finishing, (or quitting) grad school, you may find something of interest here.*Enjoy!*
--Dan

NOTE: I have stopped updating this page, so many of the links are dead.

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Advice/Student Life

Getting In
Advice on applying to grad school, program ratings, etc.

- **New!** Embark.com allows you to find, apply to, and finance your graduate education all in one place. Pretty cool...
- Gradschools.com is a directory of thousands of graduate programs.
- Find the best programs, calculate tuition and more! US News & World Reports runs .edu.
- An absolutely incredible resource is Getting In: An Applicants Guide To Graduate School Admissions. It's one of the best resources I've found!
- Steve and Linda Hayes tell you How to apply to graduate school
- The Hanover College Department of psychology describes the proper protocol for Asking for letters of recommendation
- For program rankings, and advice on applying to grad school, check out Graduate and Professional School Opportunities, a site maintained by the Montana State U. - Bozeman Career Services office.
- Applicants to psychology programs will appreciate Advice on Graduate School Admission Procedures from Psi Chi, the Psychology honors society.

Getting Through
General advice on surviving grad school

- The importance of looking professional on paper can't be overstated. Here's some advice on writing a vita
- **New!** So Long, and thanks for the Ph.D. should be required reading for every new graduate student.
- PowerStudents.com's Grad School page offers up interesting articles and information on grad school

survival.

- With reviews, message boards and tons of links, Getting Into Grad School is a great on-line resource.
- Phds.org maintains a comprehensive site providing links in math, science and engineering.
- There's nothing worse than standing in the corner at a conference feeling like a moron. This issue was discussed on one of the NAGPS e-mail lists (see below for NAGPS).
- Marie DesJardins tells you "How to Be a Good Graduate Student
- Survival in the Academy provides advice on a wide range of issues of concern to graduate students.
- Survival Skills for Graduate Students is a useful, well organized source of information on a broad range of topics.
- Check out some valuable Advice on research and writing, although geared primarily toward Computer Science students, there's something for everyone...
- Marshall Lev Dermer wrote Enhancing Personal Satisfaction, Professional Success, and the Quality of Science--Providing Frank Advice in the Journal of College Science Teaching.
- Trying to find an apartment can be a hassle, reduce the stress, try Rent Net
- Robin Lampert has compiled a list of useful advice for graduate students. Although the list is geared toward students at the University at Michigan, much of the advice may be helpful to grad students at other institutions.
- University of Michigan students will appreciate The Ann Arbor Student Guide

Getting Out
Completing that dissertation and getting a job

- Tara Kuther provides you with tips on How to Overcome Procrastination and finish that dissertation.
- Tired of having people ask you how that dissertation is going? Check out PhinisheD, an on-line discussion and support group for people who can't seem to finish their dissertations and theses.
- Let's say you're in middle of your grad program and you realize that academia isn't for you... It doesn't have to be a nightmare, check out The Escape Pod for Humanities PhDs: Finding a Good Job Outside of Academe and stop worrying.
- Drop in to the Dissertation Den for an equal mix of resources and friendly prodding.
- Enjoy some friendly dissertation advice
- When it comes time to get a job, you can rely on the Ph.D. Interview Preparation Guide For Positions In Academia

Organizations

- **New!** Getting reamed by university administrators is never a good thing. The Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions is here to help!
- The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) has an extremely comprehensive site.
- Perhaps not quite as comprehensive as the NAGPS, but nevertheless useful is the Association for the Support of Graduate Students (ASGS) web site.

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Funding

- WOW! Check out FinAid: The Financial Aid Information Page for a dizzying array of funding sources!
- GrantsWeb provides links to public and private funding sources.
- The Cornell University Graduate School maintains an extremely comprehensive Fellowship Notebook
- See the "who", "what", and "hows" of funding! Search NSF grant abstracts

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Humor

- Finally! It's official, Correlation is Causation!
- How can you identify a graduate student? Try the graduate humor page for starters.
- Here's some no nonsense advice on How to Get a Job, A little something I wrote as part of the Happy Hour e-mail archive.
- Please respond to Sally Struthers' urgent plea to Save the Graduate Students.
- The thrills, the chills, the excitement! You guessed it, it's Grad School: The Game, the most famous thing I've written.
- What's grad school like? Check out A Day in the Life of a Grad Student, an oldy but goody.
- Being accepted for a program/post-doc/job can only lead to more work, avoid the risk by following some important advice on How to receive a less than enthusiastic letter of recommendation
- The Annals of Improbable Research, is perhaps the ultimate academic humor source (with the possible exception of my 5th grade math teacher). A definite must see!
- Here's some help in deciding between A Ph.D. or the Lotto
- Translating what they say into what they mean in research is more an art than a science, here are a few pointers.
- Here's a classic example of a modest admission essay
- OK, so how tough can it be to get tenure? Pretty hard! Find out Why God Never Received Tenure (A classic) mirror.
- Stressed out over an upcoming talk? Check out 150 things not to do at your thesis defense for some innappropriate tips.
- T'was The Night Before Finals provides a humorous look at college life.
- If that final exam just doesn't matter, here are 50 Things to do at a Final That Just Doesn't Matter.
- Grad life is full of stress, here are some tips on how to Cope with Stress.
- At last, an easy way to finish that thesis! WRITE.THESIS.FAST, the academic equivalent of those MAKE.MONEY.FAST postings.
- An old favorite: The Rabbit's Dissertation.
- So you've got to look for a job, huh? Then the Perverse Guide to Getting Hired is required reading.

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Similar Sites

- The appropriately titled [Grad School and Job Stuff](#) site maintained by Jenny Schopf is particularly useful for women and CS grad students
- Tom Finin's [Grad Student Page](#) includes a great list of CS organizations
- Scott Keogh has built a pretty good [grad resource page](#). Sure there's some overlap, but he has some cool stuff that I don't.
- The [Graduate Student Survival Guide](#) provides some useful tips - definitely worth a peek.

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